

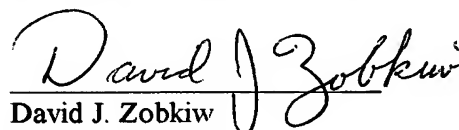
**REMARKS**

Claims 3, 4 and 7-12 remain in the application.

In a telephone conversation held on January 3, 2006 with Examiner Tu M. Nguyen, the claim language was discussed. The Examiner agreed that amending independent claims 3, 7, and 9 by inserting -- always open -- before "restricted connection" in the first subparagraph of the claims appears to overcome the rejections of record.

The Examiner was asked to call me at (315) 252-3868 when he makes a final discussion so as to avoid filing an unnecessary notice of appeal and appeal brief.

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